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adjustable, and wherein the bottom portion is engagable at a plurality of vertically spaced apart engagement members provided on a bottom portion of the back rest, whereby the backrest conforms to the shape of the back of the person.

Please add the following new claims:

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14. [newly added] A backrest for attachment to a chair having a seat, the backrest comprising:
- (a) a support structure having a top and a bottom;
 - (b) a plurality of vertically extending members, said vertically connected members being laterally spaced apart for at least a portion of their height to permit independent movement of adjacent vertically extending members,

wherein each of the vertically extending members supports a longitudinal section of at least the lumbar region of a person seated on the chair.

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15. [newly added] The backrest of claim 14 wherein the vertically extending members support at least the lumbar region of the person without engaging a supplemental support member.

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16. [newly added] The backrest of claim 14 wherein the vertically extending members are adjustable for controlling the amount of support provided to the lumbar region of the person.

17. [newly added] The backrest of claim 14 wherein the vertically extending members have a top portion and a bottom portion, and wherein the vertically extending members are adjustable by raising or lowering one of the top portion or the bottom portion.

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18. [newly added] The backrest of claim 17 wherein one of the top portion or the bottom portion is attached directly to the support structure and the other of the top portion or the bottom portion is engagable at a plurality of vertically spaced apart engagement members provided on the support structure.

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19. [newly added] The backrest of claim 18 wherein the vertically extending member has ^{the} a bottom portion that is vertically adjustable to vary the amount of support provided to the lumbar region of the person.

20. [newly added] The backrest of claim 19 wherein the bottom portion is engagable at a plurality of vertically spaced apart engagement members provided on a bottom portion of the support structure.

21. [newly added] The backrest of claim 19 wherein the support structure comprises a frame and a support shell mounted thereon and wherein the vertically extending members are provided on the support shell at one vertical end thereof and wherein the engagement members are provided on the frame.